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ORGANIZATION FOR SERVICE.

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The church is an organized body of men and women banded together for Christian service. You will understand that in this first statement I do not say the church is simply an organization but an organization effected for service.

This is an age of organization—the word itself in these latter days has magic in its meaning. The entire business world is being organized, politics is organized, the professions are organized, likewise the institutions of learning and philanthropy; and the church must organize or lose out in the race. There is no other way for us to keep up with the bristling, throbbing, high tension of our day.

The great political campaign which has just closed affords us a splendid organization. Organization produces the result for which it stands with the greatest efficiency and rapidity, and with the least expenditure of time, labor, and money. Organization is system, method, economy; the lack of organization is confusion. It would be impossible for me to discuss this subject without referring to the Sunday-school as the forerunner of the church.

The Sunday-school and the church are organized for service only when they are doing the work for which they exist, in the best manner, in the shortest time, and with the largest results. As is the Sunday-school so will be the church of which it is a part. I mention the Sunday-school especially in this connection because probably nine-tenths of our churches began as Sunday-schools. The Sunday-school is indeed the church, or at least should be. Be it said to our shame, however, that in very few cases is this true. Sunday-school is the Bible-teaching and studying service of the church, and it is here that our boys and girls must learn the lessons that are to fit them for active service in the church.

I maintain that the ideal church comes as the result of perfect organization, and if we have not realized it the application of business principles is just as essential in the conduct of the church as in the management of the largest corporation.

The ministrations of the church with which this conference is assembled should extend to every man, woman and child in this community whether they are attendants and members or not. The Sunday-school and church are not thoroughly organized for service unless they are systematically endeavoring to reach and save every individual within reach. It is a sin for a Sunday-school or church to be smaller or less efficient than it can be. I know churches within the bounds of this conference that once boasted of large memberships, fine Sunday-schools, and large congregations. Today conditions are quite different. The Sunday-schools have gone down, the membership has scattered, the congregations that once gathered are no more, and the building once dedicated to the service of almighty God is now closed. There is something radically wrong with the business end of our organization when such conditions exist. I maintain that such is the result of a lack of thorough organization and of the proper application of business principles to our work. I venture the assertion that the average business man would be bankrupt in six months were he to give the same time and attention to his business that we give to the work of the church.

It is the exception rather than the rule when the average country Sunday-school or church wakes up to a realization of the importance of making a systematic house-to-house canvass in order to reach the unsaved. Many of our churches have fewer members and raise less money now than in the early years of their history. I suspect that a canvass of the statistics of the past 25 years would reveal some startling facts. In some respects we, as a denomination, are gaining, in others we are losing. Why not make gains along all lines all the while—why lose ground at all? Is there not a reason for it?

The entire work of the church and

Sunday-school revolves around Bible teaching as a center. The preacher in the pulpit is teaching the Word no less than the teacher in the pew. He is supposed to know how to teach it and preach it, but how about the teacher. To teach others a thing we must know that thing ourselves. To teach the Bible requires Bible study, intelligent Bible study and a great deal of it. We must know likewise the methods of imparting instruction. The laws of teaching are fixed but they are within easy reach of all.

To our denomination belongs the credit of publishing the first book on Teacher-Training to be issued by any denomination in the State. The results which are to come from the introduction and use of this book in our churches and schools cannot be estimated. But this all depends upon how much our preachers push it—how much they urge the importance of teacher-training in our Sunday-schools.

Nothing I maintain in all our work throughout the Christian Church, South, will mean so much to us as the thorough training of our teaching force in the Sunday-school. A trained corps of teachers in any school will mean the thorough organization of that school for effective service. When the school has reached this high standard the future of the church will be settled. A live Sunday-school and a dead church are an unheard-of combination if they are one and the same as they should be.

I believe that every minister within the bounds of the Southern Convention should procure a copy of this book on Teacher-Training at once and thoroughly master it. Until they have done this they are not prepared to intelligently recommend and introduce it in the schools in their charge. Every preacher is not a teacher, but every one ought to be.

Never before in the history of the church have so many helps of every kind been available. Books on Bible Study, the work of the teacher and preacher, the psychology of child-life, etc., are innumerable and to a great extent inexpensive. There ought to be a systematic, continuous effort on the part of every

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FROM THE FIELD.

Waverly Virginia.

The fourth Sunday in Oct. was my last appointment at Dendron. It was the occasion of the installation of Rev. C. C. Jones in his present work. The day was fair and all nature contributed to the services. A large audience was present representing four denominations. After song, scripture-reading and prayer, Bro. Jones, having been presented at the altar by two deacons, Bros. E. T. Atkinson, and P. E. Slade, the pastor who was in charge delivered the welcome address on behalf of the pastors, Bro. A. G. Higgins, deacon of the church, delivered the welcome address on behalf of the church; and Bro. Authur Rogers, mayor, spoke the word of welcome on behalf of the town. These were responded to in fitting terms by the new pastor.

Bro. Jones is not altogether a new man to this people. He has been among them for two months, more or less, with marked success in revivals. Already he has won his way into the hearts of many who are now members of his flock. His work is compact and in very good shape. We bespeak for him large opportunities for usefulness, for he has in his charge growing churches and growing people. I pray God that the associations of pastor and people may be mutually beneficial and God may be glorified.

* * * * * Last Sunday, Nov. 1st, was the occasion of the dedication of our new church at Waverly. The day was clear and the weather moderate. About seven hundred people assembled and much before the organ voluntary, the new edifice, which seats about four hundred and fifty people, was filled to its capacity.

Dr. J. Pressley Barrett, of Dayton, O., editor of The Herald of Gospel Liberty, and Rev. I. W. Johnson of Suffolk, by invitation, were present to add to the profit and pleasure of the day. Prof. J. J. Lincoln and Mr. J. C. Barrett, of Wakefield and Windsor, respectively, were also present and took part in the services.

The morning services consisted of songs, prayers, addresses, sermon, dedication. Judge J. F. West gave the history of the church. The pastor spoke briefly of the present work. Dr. Barrett delivered the sermon of the hour which delighted every hearer. His subject was "The Living Stone." He was spiritually exalted and likewise lifted his hearers to a higher, a purer, and a holier plane of thought and life.

After dinner, which was served on the grounds in abundance free to all, Rev. I. W. Johnson delivered a most attractive sermon to the same assembly on "The

Heart of Life." The day was spent in praise by all, and every phase of the day's service was a joy to all as far as we know.

* * * * * Among the many visitors present were Col. J. E. West, of Suffolk, Prof. J. J. Lincoln and wife, of Wakefield, Mr. F. F. Brinkley and friend, Mr. Byrd, of Liberty Springs, Nans. Co., and Mr. J. C. Barrett, of Windsor. There were many visitors both from neighboring and distant towns, whose names, 'twould be a delight to mention, but space forbids.

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The work here is of special and honest pride to us who are so deeply interested and concerned in it.

The Building Committee, consisting of seven members: Judge J. F. West, B. E. Livesay, J. W. West, J. M. Cox, R. T. West, R. T. Harris, W. H. Ford, and J. D. Gray associated, all have, for two years, labored untiringly for the planning, the construction and completion of this edifice. The work has been very slow, tedious, and often annoying, but under all circumstances even to the last has each one of the committee, and those associated with them, been faithful to its every interest; so much that often they would leave their own business, even closing it up for a while, that they might spend their time and labor for the good of the work.

It must not be forgotten further, that the success of the committee was not due altogether to their own personal effort. While their service was essential to the prosecution of the plans, yet their efforts alone would have been almost futile had they not had the support of the church in general. There were those who had no relation to the committee in its official capacity, and also those who were not members of the church who were as truly interested as they, and contributed as liberally of their time and means as they, and that without solicitation. There were those also who were not able to contribute either as much of their time or money as others, still have done something, perhaps, what they could, for the accomplishment of the work, which they desired as much to see as anyone. The "widow's mite" has been cast in many times here and in many places. And who knows but what the one who furnished a gallon of cream at the social, or who gave his twenty-five cents (if that were all one could do) will be rewarded as greatly in heaven as one who has given his thousands and sacrificed his all?

It is a remarkable fact that practically all the members of the church are interested in, and have done something for, the church which ties their interest

thereto and makes it as much their own as any one's. Besides all this, people of other denominations have favored us liberally, and the "Thanks to whom thanks is due" cannot well be fitted to any special one,—cannot find a resting place upon only a few. While a few have taken the lead and done perhaps what others could not do, (that was necessary) others also have contributed, perhaps as much, in other directions. Were the time and sacrifices which each of the committee and associates have made, estimated in values and added to the cost of the church, I am sure we would now have a memorial which represents more than ten thousand dollars. But there are some things which cannot be estimated in values. There are some things on which can be set no price—one's personal work for the Lord—these are they which have been very largely contributed by this good people.

The Lord has been with us in it all, and blessed us with victory. May He continue with us in greater power for our spiritual selves.

H. E. Rountree, Pastor.

Newport News Letter.

This scribe has just returned from the recent session of the Eastern Va. Conference at Dendron, Va. My home was with my old friends Bro. Ruffin Spratley and his excellent wife, whom I received into church fellowship several years ago. In their splendid home I was delightfully entertained and I counted it a privilege to again share of their hospitality.

I spent one night with Bro. A. S. Higgins whose pious and hospitable home was one of the first thrown open to me years ago when I first visited that community before we had a church there. It had been several years since I had seen Sister Higgins. Time has dealt kindly with them and their greeting and entertainment were as cordial and gracious as of old.

On my return I spent a night with Bro. W. E. Whitmore at Anchor, Va. He has for a number of years been a very warm and personal friend and I was glad also to again visit his home and enjoy for a few hours the association of his delightful family. The Lord has greatly prospered him in many ways, and blessed his life with a most interesting family. Missing my train at Wakefield, I joined Dr. Barrett on his way to Waverly and through the courtesy and kindness of Judge West I saw the new church which is a marvel of beauty, good taste and design. Not only have our Waverly people a right to feel a modest pride in such a house of worship but our people generally, as well. Much as

I desired to yield to an invitation to remain and be with them in the dedicatory exercises, duty required that I return to my work here. It has been just fifteen years since I left that pastorate, since which time many changes and marvelous improvements have been wrought in the town and in our church. God has blessed Bro. Rountree in his service there.

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This afternoon I sat by the bed of a pious woman, at the hospital, who has recently been under the surgeon's knife. Although seriously sick, she was so cheerful and bright. She told me that the doctor had run up the curtain and let the sun shine in that played its part, but the joy and light of the blessed spirit, and her great faith in God were the source of her cheerful spirit and peaceful expression. Some of the most cheerful and brightest Christians I ever saw were those who had to suffer, yet some complain and wear faces of gloom in the midst of gracious blessings. We should strive to be cheerful if for no other reason than that we may carry sunshine and cheer to other lives, and nothing will help us more in that than the Christ spirit. The Master said to His disciples: "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." And again the scripture: "He that hath not the spirit of Christ is none of His."

Murdock W. Butler.

Among the Churches and People.

Rev. R. H. Holland continues very feeble. There is not much hope of even temporary improvement. He is now confined to his bed. May the Father graciously bless him during his last days.

Col. Alex. Savage, who is so widely known among the churches and people of the Christian Church, was taken very sick last Sunday, while on a visit to his nieces, the Misses Rabey, near Nunneville. He was able to return to Norfolk Tuesday, and is much better. He attended the Brown-Curry meetings in Suffolk. His many friends were glad to see him out again.

The dedication of the new church at Waverly last Sunday, Nov. 1st, was an occasion of great interest. Rev. J. L. Foster filled my appointment at Liberty Spring, and thus made it possible for me to attend the services at Waverly. Bro. Foster preached a splendid sermon at Liberty Spring, and after presenting the claim of the Orphanage, received a nice contribution for that institution. The services at Waverly were largely attended. The new church is the largest and prettiest in that town. Certainly the people there are to be congratulated upon having wrought so wisely and done

so well. The main auditorium is large and well arranged. Rolling partitions divide the main auditorium from the Sunday-school room. And there is an item here which is of more than passing interest, viz., the Sunday-school there has an enrollment much larger than the church membership. This speaks well, and gives the church the promise of a good future.

The Christian Missionary Association will meet with the church at Spring Hill, Dec. 8, 9, 1908. This will be an important session. It may be that some members will think the Association will be discontinued, but such will not be the case. In all probability it will become a local body or a part of the Eastern Virginia Conference, but this should add new zeal to the work. It is possible to raise \$2,000 within the bounds of this Conference for Home Missions, if there is united and concentrated effort in the right direction. There is certainly need of more individual work along this line, and this Association offers the opportunity. There are several places where this money could be used to good advantage, and we ought to have the money. I am writing this to encourage the old members to send up their membership fee to the next session at Spring Hill, and also for the benefit of those who ought to join the Association and help this good work in the church. There will be a good program, and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance of the members at the next session. Will you go? If you cannot go, will you send your fee? If you are not a member will you begin to pray now for the Lord to make you willing to invest \$5.00 or \$10.00 this year in Home Mission Work? Try it and see what the results will be.

I. W. Johnson.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

As the new conference year is upon us, I thought it would not be out of place to write a few lines from our section. We held our annual conference with Antioch Church, at the time appointed. Every church was represented and almost all our ministry was present. There were present with us Revs. B. F. Young and H. W. Elder of the Ga. and Ala. Conference and Bro. S. M. Atkinson of N. C. and Va. Conference, whom we were glad to see. Bro. Atkinson represented our publishing interest with fair success. Rev. B. F. Young was elected to preach our annual sermon, which was delivered at 11 a. m. the second day, and was a masterly effort. One new church was received into conference with thirty two members. Rev. J. D. Dollar is their pastor. Our churches came up reasonably well with their assessments, con-

sidering the hard times.

The Home Mission interest is in very good condition notwithstanding we had to vacate Lineville for the present. There are also many other places in the bounds of our conference that we would do well to develop. I trust the brotherhood will not become discouraged because we move slowly. This is a great work and we should be given to much prayer, and earnest endeavor in regard to our home work. Our Missionary Association is doing a great work for the development of our cause. I should be glad if every member of our church would join the Association.

I do not know just how our work will be supplied another year, but I think all our churches will be supplied. As an individual worker, I enter the field to accomplish more next year than any past year, with God's help.

G. D. Hunt.

THE WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION FOR NOVEMBER.

The November Jubilee issue of the Woman's Home Companion has a special interest, because it is the Seven Hundredth Number of the oldest living Woman's Magazine. This issue of 88 pages, illustrated by famous artists, contrasted with the little flimsy 8-page issue of the same magazine which appeared in 1875, is a vivid reminder of the great strides made in periodical publishing. That old issue, popular in its day, is a modest ancestor to the big, influential magazine of to-day.

This November issue, on which the publishers have spent special effort, because of its anniversary feature, contains, in addition to its regular departments for women, two articles of importance to home dwellers and home renters. These articles, with facts and figures, show the advantage of owning a home.

Jack London, who is going around the world for Woman's Home Companion in his little boat the Shark, has in this November issue an account of travel adventure, rich with the spice of the South Seas.

A new novel by Florence Morse Kingsley, entitled "The Glass House," begins in this issue. There are also stories by Alice Brown, Juliet Wilbor Tompkins, Mary Heaton Vorse, and Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews.

A special article on Eyes by Dr. Woods Hutchinson is in that physician's usual crisp style.

In addition to the usual household departments, and the enlarged fashion department, there are many novel suggestions for Christmas gifts, and some particularly timely advice regarding the buying of furs.

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Chairman W. C. Wicker read the report on Education.

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Religious Literature and the Christian Orphanage claimed attention of conference the afternoon of third day. Conference took several subscriptions to The Christian Sun to be sent to worthy members who desired the paper but were unable to subscribe, each minister of conference being allowed to select one such person in his field. This movement met ready response and hearty approval. It was worthy and timely.

Superintendent Foster presented the claims of the Orphanage to good effect.

The fourth day was not largely attended. Reports on Moral Reform, Sunday Schools, and Young People's Society were timely and interesting and elicited lively discussion. Prof. Wicker read an able paper on Teaching the Bible, which will appear in The Sun next week. Mr. Geo. T. Whitaker of Liberty church, Vance county was chosen to deliver the next annual address and Sanford church was chosen as next meeting place, Thursday before second Sunday in November, 1909.

The conference was pleasant and in all respects successful. There is a hopeful outlook to the churches and this session evidently gave impetus to the work.

SUFFOLK LETTER.

Suffolk has enjoyed another union revival service, conducted by Evangelists, J. E. Brown and C. P. Curry, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Christian churches united in the invitation of these good workers and in the conduct and expense of the meeting. The local pastors conducted the meetings for a week before the visiting preachers arrived. By unanimous vote of the evangelistic committee the meetings were held in the Christian church, and continued for three weeks. The interest was tense from the beginning to the close—the whole town felt the force and progress of the spiritual enthusiasm.

The opening service was on Sunday evening, October 11, 1908, with large congregation, and sermon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, who was on a visit and had preached at the Methodist church in the morning. The sermon was a magnificent exposition of Paul's conversion.

Rev. W. W. Staley, pastor of the Christian church, preached on Monday night; Rev. R. L. Walton, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preached on Tuesday evening; Rev. W. Mosby Seay, pastor of the Baptist church, preached on

Wednesday evening, Rev. John E. McCartney, pastor of the Oxford Methodist church, preached on Thursday evening, Rev. H. E. Johnson, D. D., pastor of Main Street Methodist church, preached on Friday night; and Rev. Jno. E. Brown preached on Saturday night. On Sunday morning the pastors preached to their own congregations and Dr. Brown preached in the afternoon and at night. During his first week Dr. Brown preached at 10 a. m. and at night; and during the second week forenoon, afternoon, and night. Large congregations thronged all the services, many people coming from the country and near-by villages. A special train from Portsmouth brought more than three hundred one night.

The meeting closed on Monday with a morning service, November 2, having lasted for three weeks and forty-five services having been conducted within that time.

One great feature of the meeting was the congregational singing led by Rev. C. P. Curry. Mr. Curry is not only a fine singer, but a master in enlisting the enthusiastic help of the people. It seemed as if the whole congregation joined in the singing; especially was this true of the young people and children. "Alexander's Gospel Songs" were used, and this is a fine collection of one hundred and sixty-six pieces for fifteen cents a copy. Since Moody and Sankey stirred both hemispheres no evangelist works without his singer. Dr. Brown is fortunate in the help of so great a chorus leader and soloist as Mr. Curry. They work together like the two hands of a clock so that you cannot tell which is the more important; no jar, no conflict, but, like the two wings of a great bird, they carry the spiritual interest higher and higher till the people forget other things, drop other things, and go to meeting.

The meeting on the last Sunday afternoon, November, was the real climax of the series. It was a meeting for men only. More than a thousand men filled the church. It was a grand sight. The singing was great. The sermon was effective. It dealt with the liquor problem as "The Great Tragedy." His arraignment of the saloon business was clear, strong, convincing, and the climax came when Mr. Brown asked all who would commit themselves to work for the abolition of the saloon and nearly the entire audience stood upon their feet. At that moment Suffolk felt that the saloon must go. A petition is now in the hands of Judge McLeMore, asking him to order an election in December. When that petition is granted and the election is held Suffolk will be under local option.

The number of converts was not as large as last year as there was not as much material; but the meeting bore every mark of a great revival, and the farewell service on Monday morning attested the love of Suffolk for these great evangelists.

W. W. Staley.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The editor is leading a strenuous life these November days—conferences now each week. This explains delayed correspondence and the absence of some editorial matter.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Mr. Charles Farmer Best to Miss Lucy Hugh Thomas at Louisville, N. C., Nov. 18, 1908. Mr. Best is a former Elon College student and a splendid fellow to whom we extend felicitations and all good wishes.

As was generally expected, Mr. Taft was chosen President and Mr. Sherman Vice-President in the national election last Tuesday. Many of the editors of daily papers who before election declared that the election would go otherwise than it did are now saying that they saw there was no hope, etc. It is time for them to repent—and beg the pardon of their readers.

—Those who have examined our new book on "Preparing the Sunday-school Teacher to Teach" are delighted with it. Rev. M. T. Morrill, D. D. of Dayton, Ohio, writes us personally (and we take the liberty of printing):

"Dear Bro. Atkinson—I must write you a few lines about the book sent us for review, 'Preparing the Teacher.' It is the most hopeful publication (book) issued among our people for years, in my judgment. It is looking to the future, is something up to date, well done, and complete. I have been training teachers and doing normal work for quite a series of years, and now have a training class in the Dayton church. I have seen and compared books. Your new book pleases me very much, and I hope that it will have wide and intelligent use.

"Let me congratulate you on having introduced a chapter on church history. That has been my hobby for years. I believe that it should be introduced into our Sunday-schools as supplementary lessons. The church has lost tremendously for hundreds of years, just because the masses of Christians have not the first idea of the splendid career of Christianity.

"Go ahead and push this book. I am going to write something for the Herald about it, and for the Sun too, if I can get time."

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church and Sunday-school to thoroughly train its teachers, superintendents, and deacons for active service in its own ranks. The church that neglects such training does so at its own peril. The difference between drudgery and pleasure in church work is largely a matter of preparation.

Our Lord gave us a sweeping command in his message to mankind while on earth, viz., to preach the gospel to every creature, even in the uttermost parts of the earth. From this commission there is no escape. The missionary spirit is the very life-blood of the church. No church can live without it, or prosper if it undertakes to live within its own small compass. The only salvation for our church, as well as for the individual member, is to get a vision of the world through the eyes of Christ. It is for visions of this kind that men have sacrificed home and friends and gone to foreign lands to carry the gospel message. It is in hope that we may have a vision of this kind that we have gathered in this annual conference. We are here to devise better methods of carrying the gospel, through the teaching of the Word to the generations yet unreached. I believe that our denomination is just now waking up to the responsibility and opportunity of missionary enterprise through the church and her various auxiliaries.

We are told to preach and teach the gospel message to every creature, everywhere, and we can do it by God's help, or he never would have mocked us by telling us to do it. The sum and substance of my message to you today may be summed up in the following words: "It is the whole business of the whole church to give the whole gospel to the whole world as speedily as possible."

The church of Jesus is out for business, or else it has no business to be out.

Every member of our denomination from the youngest child to the oldest deacon should have an intelligent conception of the kingdom of God in all parts of the world.

Such specific missionary instruction must have its beginning in the Sunday-school. Our boys and girls should be familiar with the conditions among the boys and girls in other lands. But the missionary training of our young people should not be left to the Sunday-school alone. Every church should maintain a well organized missionary society. Would that the meeting of this conference might mark the beginning of a great missionary revival among our churches. May I suggest that during

this session we plan for the organization of a Missionary Association for the Eastern N. C. Conference.

Where there is no information there can be no inspiration. Nothing will put new life into a church so quickly and so thoroughly as for the church to carry the gospel of life and light to others. The evangelization of the world is the church's plain duty and privilege. But this cannot be done, and will not be done, unless a progressive missionary interest is kept alive. The evangelistic spirit is the surest mark of a well-organized church—a church organized for service.

If the gospel is to be sent to the uttermost parts of the earth, somebody must be sent to carry it, and those who are sent must be provided for. This calls for a liberal contribution of our means to the missionary enterprises of the church. May I mildly suggest that I do not believe we are properly training our children in the matter of giving. "Train up a child to give a penny and when he is old he will not depart from it." Judging from the way many of our older members contribute today we must conclude that they thoroughly learned this lesson when they were young. We have entirely too many penny Christians in the church—we are not consistent in the way we handle God's money. Liberal, intelligent, systematic giving is Christian virtue, a means of grace, and should be made one of the cardinal principles of every church and Sunday-school.

A generation of boys and girls, thoroughly trained along this line, would soon wipe out all the debts against our Mission Boards, multiply the number of missionaries in both the home and foreign field, besides putting new vigor in the work at home.

Right ideas in regard to all these things to which I have referred come only through intelligent instruction in the Word of God. This brings us back again to the Sunday-school, and suggests the importance of a thoroughly trained teaching force. Oh, that all our teachers might be "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed" and able in every case to "rightly divide the Word of Truth."

The boys and girls of the coming generation must have every opportunity to know God's Word. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Our preachers preach too few sermons during the year to the children. Many of us as teachers teach one code of morals on Sunday and live another during the week. The lives that many of us parents live in the home speak so loud that our children fail to hear us when we attempt to instruct

them in the virtues of Christian living. Teaching men to live right, both by precept and by example is the finest of all the fine arts. It ought to be the reasonable expectation of every pastor and of every congregation that men and women be constantly coming into the kingdom, but the August revival, as a rule, is the only time when we look for things of that kind.

It takes six Sunday-school teachers a whole year to bring one soul to Christ. We need a perpetual revival spirit.

To save souls however is not the end, but the means to an end—the end that the saved life may become a power for service in saving the world from sin. Many are saved no doubt who amount to but little to the cause of God in the world. It is amazing and alarming to note what a small percentage of our church members are actually doing efficient service for the extension of God's kingdom, through the church or the Sunday-school or in any other way.

It is equally alarming to know how many there are who fall away from their first estate because their salvation has been made the chief thing rather than building them up in strong Christian character and fortifying them for the battles of life and of service.

To be saved is to join God's army, and to become a soldier in this army to take a binding pledge to wage a continuous warfare against the powers of sin. To be edified or built up in strong Christian character for service is to have taken training under the tutelage of Jesus Christ himself.

One of the weakest points in our church and Sunday-school life is that the precious souls which yield to the claims of Jesus Christ, our Master are too often left to grope their way in the dark without the nurture and kindly admonition and training they need to fit them for active service. This is the place of greatest leakage in our work. It is well-nigh criminal to urge unsaved men and women to accept Christ and then send them forth wholly unprepared to fight the battles of the Christian life.

When an individual has accepted Christ he should be taught how to bring others to Christ, and how to study and use the Bible. Building up strong stalwart Christian character, setting before young Christians the privileges of service, endeavoring to instill into them the desire to be themselves workmen, efficient, trained; for these things every church and Sunday-school should stand.

Edification or building up young converts in strong, Christian character is the best mark of a church or Sunday-school well-organized for service.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

HOW TO TEACH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR NOV. 22.

A Few Suggestions.

Solomon Crowned King.

I Kings, 1:32-40, 50-53.

Golden Text: Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. I Chron. 28:9.

Review: This is the final lesson that deals with David's life. I would, therefore, review his life briefly from its beginning in the humble home at Bethlehem, during his days as shepherd, his killing of Goliath, his life at Saul's court, his exile while Saul was pursuing him, his coronation as king of Judah and then as king of all Israel, his life as king in its three great divisions of a period each of warfare, of peace and prosperity, and of domestic unhappiness and infelicity. Be sure that your class sees in him the great man that he was and the great work he did for his people. Show wherein his polygamy and his lax discipline over his children brought him sorrow in later years. Make clear wherein he was "a man after God's own heart."

Intervening Events. If Absalom's rebellion came as we decided three weeks ago in the fortieth year of David's reign, this lesson must have occurred in the same year. After David ceased to mourn for Absalom, he started back to Jerusalem. Shimei, who had cursed him as he fled for his life at the beginning of Absalom's rebellion, came and sought forgiveness and received it. Mephibosheth came to meet him to explain that his servant Ziba had misrepresented him to David, and he was forgiven for his supposed treachery. Barzillai, who had been such a friend to David during his flight in Mahanaim accompanied him to the Jordan and was invited of David to go with him to Jerusalem, but declined on account of his advanced years and requested that Chimham be granted the honor in his stead. All the men of Judah and half those of Jerusalem we are told came to meet the king. A strife arose between Judah and Israel, which resulted in the revolt of the men of Israel under Sheba. David sent Amasa to fight against the men of Israel, but Joab treacherously slew Amasa and besieged Sheba in the town of Abel. He gave up the siege on condition that Sheba's head be delivered up to him. This was done, and the revolt ended. David in the meantime went on to Jerusalem, where there was a royal welcome awaiting him, and composed the 23rd Psalm, our last Sunday's lesson. Review that

lesson here. David soon fell very sick and had to keep his bed. This again brought up the question of which son should succeed him. Joab and Abiathar conspired to make Adonijah king. They made a great feast at Enrogel, on the east of the city near the brook Kidron, to which they invited all the leading men they could get to come and all the king's sons, except Solomon, at the conclusion of which feast they intended to crown Adonijah, David's eldest living son, king in his father's stead. Nathan the prophet and Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, informed David of this matter and, while the feast of Adonijah was going on, he took the summary action related in this lesson, crowning Solomon king in his own stead.

Before going on with the lesson call for I Chron. 17:1-14 assigned last time, which tells what God had promised David as to his successor.

The Lesson for Today. Our present lesson falls naturally into three divisions, which as they are brought out, may be written on the board for use in the topical review.

1. David's Prompt Action. Verses 32-37. Find for whom David called and show that these trusted servants were high respectively in the priesthood, in the prophetic order, and in the army. Find out all your class knows about them and tell them what they ought to know, if they do not know enough to leave a clear conception of them. Bring out his command to them relative to Solomon, how he was to ride, where he was to be carried, who was to anoint him, how he was to be proclaimed king, what cry was to be given in his behalf, where he was to be directed to go after he was crowned, where to sit, the reason for all this. Ask for Benaiah's pious prayer and as to whether it was fulfilled or not, call for 1 Kings 19:14-29 and 2 Chron. 9:13-28 assigned last time.

2. Solomon made king. Verses 38-40. Here you will want to show who the Cherethites and Pelethites were. (Taken together they constitute the king's bodyguard, the former of whom are regarded as "executioners" and the latter as "couriers," both very likely mercenary troops and so containing the seed of slavery for the people. Find upon what they caused Solomon to ride and the significance of this (for any one but the king to ride on the king's mule then would mean certain death, so when the people saw Solomon boldly riding on the king's mule, they would recognize that he was to be king.) Here call for the other instance of a descendant of David, who rode through Jerusalem on an ass, assigned last time, Matt. 21:1-11. By question find where they led him, who

anointed him, whence the oil, what they blew, and what the people said. Make clear the return procession, with the people rejoicing and piping and the earth trembling because of the joy at having the matter of who should be king in David's room settled. At this point call for the 72nd Psalm, assigned last time.

Before going on with the third division of the lesson, the teacher will by way of incidental instruction tell what occurred between verses 41-49 of this chapter.

3. Adonijah pardoned. Verses 50-53. Discover why Adonijah should fear, where he went, and on what he took hold. (If your pupils do not know what the horns of the altar were, you should tell them, and show that, according to Ex. 21:14, this taking hold of the horns of the altar would insure protection only until a legal investigation could be held.) Next find what effect the news of this act of Adonijah had on Solomon, what he said, what he did, and what he said to Adonijah when he came before him. As to the meaning of verse 52 call for works assigned last time as follows: I Sam. 14:45; 2 Sam 14:11; and Acts. 27:34. Review the lesson by the topic method.

Truths and Their Application. 1. David was wise in his choice of capable advisers. We should all have this quality, because we need advice in our life's work and the kind of advisers we have will have a great deal to do with our success.

2. Solomon's exaltation should remind us that we are to be exalted in the kingdom to come if we live rightly in this present world. The beauty of it is that all of us shall be exalted.

3. David was no doubt rejoiced to hear the wish expressed that his son and successor should have a greater kingdom than he had had. No father can be a true father and not wish for his son to do greater things than he has done. A son should be able to start where his father left off and go on to greater things. Happy is the parent who feels that he has reared children who will do greater things than he has.

Assignments for Home-study. Assign to one Isaiah's condemnation of intemperance in our last quarter's temperance lesson, Isaiah 5:11-23; to another Hebrews 5:12-14; to a third Matt. 21:33-44; to a fourth the charge against the prophets, Micah 5:5-7; and to a fifth what the law prohibited to the priests, Lev. 10:9 and also Ezekiel 44:21.

If there should be time, the class, if an adult one, might well indulge in a discussion of the right of asylum in the world's history; and all classes might profitably spend a little time in showing

why Joab and Abiathar rebelled against David in his old age. See I Sam. 2:30-36 and I Kings 2:27.

W. A. Harper.

Elon College, N. C.

LESSON VII. NOV. 15, 1908.

The Lord Our Shepherd.

Psalms 23.

Golden Text: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, Psa. 23:1.

David was in about as deep sorrow as a man can be, when we left him last week; his own boy dead, killed while plotting against the throne, and life of his father, and David keenly conscious that his boy's terrible failure was his own failure as a father.

We do not commonly associate the beautiful Twenty-third Psalm with this period of David's life. The beautiful meaning and great helpfulness will never be exhausted so long as people, like the sheep spoken of are wandering, needing guidance and finding what they need in God.

The psalm consists of two parts. The first four verses are the shepherd part. The last two verses describe the situation in which the singer found himself when he composed the psalm. It is the utterance of the evening of life. No youth could have written it.

It appeals to the heart, and is simple and clear and full of religion suggestion.

It brings God home to every man. We are all conscious of our need of guidance; we rejoice in our heavenly shepherd, whose thoughts are ever on our needs.

The following prayer by Phillip E. Howard in the S. S. Times is full of good thought upon this theme. Let every reader of these lines try to make it their own experience:

"Jesus, thou Shepherd of the Sheep, we rejoice in thy shepherding love. To Thee we are not unknown. Our weaknesses are Thy care. Our wanderings do not lead us away from Thy yearning love. All we like sheep have indeed gone astray, but Thou, the good Shepherd, hast not shortened thy arm, or ceased to seek us for our enfolding in the security of Thy presence. We remember to-day the still waters, reflecting Thy face; the green pastures out of the abundance of the Father's provision for us; and some of us remember with inexpressible gladness the courage that came to us in the shadowed valley of sorrow. Lord Jesus, shepherd us a little while yet by the wayside, untill all our sorrows and follies shall pass away with the ending of our pasture days, and we are gathered into the fold beyond the shadow, and to Thy presence at the right hand of God.

This we ask in the name that is above every other name."

G. W. Tickle.

Elon College, N. C.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

As Secretary of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Sunday School Convention I wish to call attention to the following passed by our Conference: "That whereas our Sunday-schools are doing no special work looking to spiritual training in giving for the cause of the Master and His church this committee (i e. the Home Mission Committee) suggests that conference asks our various Sunday-schools to contribute ten or five cents per member for Home Missions, and that this fund be used to establish mission churches, distinct from the churches aided by the Home Mission Fund of the Conference, in the bounds of our conference, and further, that those Sunday-schools which comply with this request shall be supplied with a memorial by the President and Secretary of Conference, which they may display in their schools as an encouragement to further missionary efforts."

At the last session of the Sunday-school Convention of this Conference, held at Bethlehem Alamance County, North Carolina, it unanimously adopted the above report, and by so doing the Sunday-schools of the Conference have agreed to aid in furthering our Home Mission cause within our bounds. This is indeed an important phase of our work, perhaps second to none. It gives the Sabbath-school a definite object towards which to work, something noble for which to strive. It will enable the church through the Sunday-school to extend its borders, to strengthen the points already accepted and to push out into new and inviting fields which so far we have been unable to occupy on account of the lack of funds. It is aiding others that we help ourselves most, then surely there is no other field open to our Sabbath school workers that shows such inviting way for the Sunday-schools to expend their energies as this one.

Let me appeal to you, fellow Sunday-school workers, superintendents, secretaries, teachers, pupils and friends of progress along spiritual lines, come now to the aid of your Sunday-school and help in a substantial way, that not one church in our Conference, which is soon to meet will report its Sunday-school as failing to respond to this call. We can do this and more. Let us show our faith by our works and bring up the amount in full from each Sunday-school

within the bounds of our Conference.

J. T. Cobb, Sec.

Elon College Notes.

Drs. Moffitt, Atkinson and Prof Wicker have been attending the Eastern North Carolina Conference for the past week. They report a pleasant session and the general church work in good condition.

This week Drs. Newman and Moffitt will be at the Western North Carolina Conference which convenes with the church at Parks Cross Roads, Randolph county.

Saturday, Nov. 7th, quite a large number of our young people attended a county union of all the Christian Endeavor societies in Alamance county, the meeting was addressed by Mr. E. H. Stockton, the State President. All report an enjoyable occasion.

Dr. Herndon who has been at Greenville N. C. with his daughter, Miss Jennie, who has been quite sick, has returned and reports that she is much improved.

The Ladies' Aid Society met for its regular business monthly meeting with Mrs. J. T. Cobb and transacted its regular routine of business. This organization is a great power for good in any community, every church should have one if it expects to do the greatest amount of good possible.

In church circles much interest is centered in the meeting next week of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, which convenes at Long's Chapel, Alamance county.

The Missionary Committee of the Christian Endeavor Society is organizing a class to study Missions and the Mission Field. It bids fair to be a great force for good in our religious life. The classes meet weekly for study and recital.

Much amusement was furnished on last Saturday night, Halloween eve, by several of the young men masking themselves and representing spooks, paid their calls to friends and villagers. Some indeed outdid the spooks in spookishness.

The revival service which was to have been held here some time ago but had to be put off will be held the week following the fourth Sunday in November.

J. T. C.

REST EACH WEEK.

I do wish that all the tired people did but know the infinite rest there is in fencing off the sixth day from the seventh—in anchoring the business ships of our daily life as the Saturday draws to its close, leaving them to ride peacefully upon the flow or ebb until Monday morning comes again.—Anna Warner.

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CONFERENCE CALENDAR, 1908.

North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

Longs Chapel, N. C., Tuesday, 10 a. m.,
November 17.

Christian Missionary Association.

Spring Hill, Waverly, Va., Tuesday,
December 8.

THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

The fifteenth annual session of this good body met at Wake Chapel, Wake County, last Wednesday and was in strenuous session the working hours of four days. The weather was delightful, representation large, congregations sufficient and hospitality unsurpassed. The Wake Chapel people, and their friends of the community, unlocked their doors and gave visitors and delegates possession of their homes and all the comforts that mind and body could wish. Brother J. Beale Johnson was chairman of committee on entertainment and he, with his committee, saw to it that all were most cordially received and cared for. There may be somewhere a more hospitable folk than these of Wake Chapel but we do not know in what region they dwell.

The address of welcome by Pastor W. G. Clements was unique and interesting. Thirty nine years ago Bro. Clements attended conference here. There was then a hull of a house: no ceiling, no stove, a shed on one side for colored people, withal an uncomely, and uncomfortable house. At that conference Bro. Clements stood his examination and received ordination to the ministry. (What labor that good man has wrought for Christ's kingdom since then!)

Rev. J. D. Wicker, President, responded in behalf of the Conference. It was

really a response in behalf of the body. He spoke in behalf of the 3187 members composing the churches of the conference; some of these churches more than a century old. O'Kelley's has been in existence since 1794. Pope's Chapel had seen an honorable career of more than one hundred years. Of the forty-three churches composing the body several were of Revolutionary fame. President Wicker regards this as good a conference as there is in the South: and it is composed also of some of our best, most loyal and stalwart ministers. He then gave a most interesting sketch of the life and labors of the ministers belonging to the body. This address was full of helpful facts and was much enjoyed. After enrolment of delegates, Rev. G. R. Underwood was elected president and expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred.

Then followed the very timely and able annual address by Prof. S. M. Smith, which address we are pleased to present in other columns of The Sun this week. The address should have wide reading for it is full and fruitful.

The afternoon of first day was given to routine, reading church letters, ministerial reports etc.

Second Day.

Rev. G. R. Underwood opened the session with devotional exercises, and after considerable routine work, and the unfinished business of previous day, the Missionary Sermon was delivered by Rev. W. C. Wicker, Secretary of Conference. This was a most timely and able discourse, such outlines of it as we jotted down at the time being given herewith. Text, Act. 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria."

Subject. Purpose and Power of Christian Missions. Three points discussed: I. Source of Power. II. Supreme Purpose. III. Divinely appointed Places.

I. All power is of God. The power to accomplish in mission efforts is solely of God. Physical, mental, moral, spiritual power is all of God. The work of nature is a manifestation of the power of God. And spiritual power comes from God in form of the Holy Spirit working in individuals. God's power is not second hand, but immediate. And this power has no limitation save that on the human side. Knowledge is power. That is, if we know God's will we have power with God. If we could know Him as He knows us, we would have power to go out and win sinners. This is life eternal—to know the only true and living God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. To know Him means to be

like Him; to think God's thoughts after Him.

God never commands any man to try to do anything. Always—Do this. Never commands the impossible. God's commands are all possible. Whenever men have obeyed His command victory has resulted. In-cause of missions, God's commands are possible. God has given command—go and preach the gospel to all nations. All power is given. God tells us to go—which means that we can, God's power is available power. All power given to Jesus and through Him to us. God's power equal to its strength on day of Pentecost. Some churches 100 years old, but there are not 3,000 souls from all the churches. Command to be filled with the spirit. The disciples were filled with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

By tarrying. How many men have tarried? How many preachers have waited 10 days—tarried at altar of prayer—pouring out the spirit of selfishness? Power of God is as available today as on Pentecost—and we take hold of the hand today by tarrying and by prayer. Prayer coupled with faith takes hold of God. Christ cannot do many mighty works in Christian church because of unbelief. Dynamic power of unbelief hindered the Master himself.

Another source of power is the church—as an organized body—church not organized. So many do not give, and hence there are limitations on church. Whole church must suffer with Christ for humanity. Church separated cannot accomplish but united in Christ can sweep away all obstacles. Great commission is given to whole church. The Power of Gospel is another source of power from God. Through the Gospel the world will yet be conquered for Christ.

II. Our Supreme Purpose. Authority for missions not ours—but Christ's, given of Him—not of us. "Ye shall be my witnesses (Martyrs). We art to go—with Him to bless. Christ came as a martyr. "To this end was I born—to bear witness to the truth." Apostles all died as martyrs to Jesus Christ. To be martyrs for Christ—this the high aim of missions. Stephen, Paul, Peter, were all martyrs for Him. The Holy Spirit prepared the apostles on day of Pentecost to be martyrs—Ye shall be my martyrs. As long as we go half hearted, and single handed we will never break the power of sin. Brooklyn bridge could only break under rhythmic tread of martial army.

No option about this duty. To live a Christian life is to live a missionary life. Simplest child may tell the sweet story of the Gospel. Paul only a witness—nothing more, nothing less.

III. Divinely Chosen Places. Both in Jerusalem and Judea—home and abroad. First in Jerusalem, (at home) then abroad. In Samaria—meaning false religion, false admixtures, to uttermost parts of the earth. Wherever man and sin are found is our duty to go and carry gospel. Jesus said, "The field is the world." If we fail to do our duty we fail to carry out command—and therein we sin. We should be clothed with the power of Jesus Christ, and then it is our duty as His followers to go forward in His great work.

This is but a bare outline of this excellent and able sermon.

Afternoon of second day was given entirely to missions. The Home Mission Report recommended help to several points, and made appropriations to Raleigh, Henderson, Turner's Chapel, and Pleasant Hill. Conference contributed \$200 to Henderson from visitors and delegates present, beside the amount contributed from the treasury. Pastor C. E. Newman is doing a splendid work at Henderson and the new building there is now in use and well nigh completed. It is of brick, has ample seating capacity and cost, with lot, something over \$4,000.

The foreign mission report elicited interesting discussion. The report as it came from the committee and was adopted is as follows:

Foreign Mission Report.

Missions is of divine origin. It is a tree of the Lord's own planting. It may be likened unto a grain of mustard seed. It is a living thing. Only living things grow, be it the lichen that clings to the rock, or the eagle that has her nest on the craggy cleft. It is the life of the church and the fat of the offering. More people are interested in missions now than at any other period of the world's history. Japan, our oldest mission field is in good condition, as the following statistics show: Churches and Outstations, 30; Church members, 542; money collected last year from fields, \$587,72; Sunday-school pupils, 1177; average attendance in Sunday-schools, 1071; enrolled in Bible classes, 349; Christian Endeavor Societies, 5.

Porto Rico, our nearest and youngest mission field is in a prosperous condition, Churches, 2; Stations and Outstations, 16; Missionaries (wives included) 5; church members, 146; Sunday-school pupils, 362; Christian Endeavor Society, 1; money contributed last year, \$122.92. The pressing need in these fields is more missionaries and more money.

We recommend:

First, The entire church membership of each church, including the children, be organized into missionary societies.

Second, A day be set apart by each church as a mission day.

Third, that our preachers be requested to preach a sermon on Missions during the year 1909.

Fourth, that we endorse the Christian Missionary published at Dayton, Ohio.

G. R. Underwood,

T. J. Haskins,

Committee.

Report on Education.

The Report on Education showed the growth and development of interest in Christian Education. The growth of interest in Bible-study is one of the most hopeful signs in the religious life of America. Colleges are turning to Bible-study and Bible-teaching as never before. In 1900 there were Bible-classes in three hundred and thirty-five institutions; in 1908 this number had reached six hundred and nineteen. The enrolment in 1900 in these Bible-classes was 11,782, while last year no less than 48,882 students were enrolled in Bible-study classes. Elon College is doing its part in this mighty work in Christian Culture. Her equipment is modern, her Faculty is composed of scholarly, Christian men and women, her course of instruction is recognized by the best universities as equal to the best, her patronage is taxing her capacity; and her graduates are taking first rank in pulpit and pew, in business and professional life. Elon College deserves our continued confidence, liberal support, and enlarged patronage. We recommend that this conference raise the entire apportionment for the College, remember the needs of the institution in wills, and bequest, rally to its needs in larger equipments and endowment, and endeavor to increase its patronage from year to year. Some personal recommendations were made.

Some short talks were made and Dr. Moffitt delivered a telling and powerful address on Relationship of Elon College to the Christian church.

Sermon by Dr. J. P. Barrett.

Dr. Barrett preached at noon. Text: 1 Peter 2:5 "Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house." The following ideas were advanced: The Lord presents his truth from almost every conceivable stand-point—that we may see. Hardest thing the Lord has to do with us is to get us to understand.

Worth a lifetime of effort and prayer to catch a glimpse or idea of God's thought for us.

The spiritual life is greatest theme for man. Illustrated by Temple. Parts of temple have counterpart in real life. Jesus Christ is the foundation of the building; a living stone. Life in foundation stone go out into the whole build-

ing. Must come unto this foundation stone—touch it and we get life. We become like Him. Not equal to Him. Our lives begin to shine in the splendor of the Son of God. We are in His life and light—if laid upon the spiritual foundation. The life of the church is the life of Christ—not two lives, but one life—His life thus unfolds the church as God's sunlight unfolds the flower. Continuation of His life in us. Spiritual house must be built upon right foundation. Only one foundation—Jesus Christ. This spiritual house to be home of spiritual priesthood. We are to become priests unto God—man who goes to God in prayer, bearing the sins of the people. Chief corner stone is Jesus Christ. Only by living close to Him can we have this life. A specific promise is given the believer. "Unto you who believe he is precious." When a man dies in Christ there is honor. Shame and confusion to him who believes a falsehood. Reason for this distinction between believer and unbeliever. When He becomes our life and strength His cause and church become our delight and joy. Significance of showing His praise in all the earth. He wants us to show the life that Christ gives.

Living so near to Him we may catch the light and then living so close to the world we may show it to the world—not two lights or lives, but one. What is the work of the church? A God-given work. The church an ordained means of God in getting Himself known to the world as it lies in the darkness of sin.

God is looking to us to reveal Him and make His life known to the world. He is depending upon His church—Missionary idea—born of this. If we touch His life we shall be constrained to do our part in sending gospel. All must be prepared. Japan taken bodily would be as a rough tree in the finished palace. Men cannot be taken in rough and put into heaven. We become a part of the Temple. Thou art Peter—a piece of rock broken off—and I will build my church, not on the broken off rock, but upon the great unbroken bed-rock. We are in the dust when in sin. He takes us thence and makes us into His spiritual temple.

We dislike polishing process. It is hard. But the gospel chisels us, polishes us for a place in the Temple. The broken off rock must be chiseled—finished—before it can be given its place in the spiritual temple.

Third Day.

Rev. J. D. Wicker conducted the devotional exercises and much miscellaneous and unfinished business claimed the early morning hours of the session.

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 Amt. 42nd week, 1908 \$58.83.
 Total \$1482.13.

Elon College, N. C., Nov. 4, 1908.

My Dear Children and Friends:

Each week when the report leaves Uncle Jim the name of the sender of each amount is added; but some where before it goes to the people the name is cut out. We do not know whether it's the editor or the printer.

We are very much pleased with the liberal report this week, our many friends are helping us finely. We express our gratitude to Bro. Petty for his liberal donation. He is one of the liberal givers and faithful workers of the denomination. Bro. Williams comes again with a \$5.00 bill for 1908. Bro. Cox is one of our friends who helps again and again. Bro. Heart is a faithful Baptist, whose heart is full of sympathy for orphan children.

Uncle Jim visited the Eastern Va. Conference last week and enjoyed the work of Conference very much. He found that the number of friends to the orphans multiplies and their sympathy deepens and in many this sympathy has ripened into liberal gifts. While in Va. the Superintendent visited Liberty Springs Christian Church, the pastor, Rev. I. W. Johnson, being at the Dedication of Waverly Church. Liberty Springs is a very handsome church, a large congregation gave good attention, and following a short explanation of the Orphanage work, the friends as seen in the report gave \$20.00 for the orphans. The congregation had no notice of our being present, and we are very grateful for so kind a reception and promise that some time we will call again.

The following donations have been received:

Prof. R. C. Cox, Mt. Gilead, N. C., 2 doz. led pencils; Raleigh, N. C., Real Estate and Trust Co., 2 doz lead pencils; B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond, Va., 6 first Readers—Graded classics, 6 second Readers—Graded Classics, 6 Primary Arithmetics—Colaw and Ellwood, 6 Intermediate Arithmetics—Colaw and Ellwood; Profs. J. I. and T. R. Foust, Greensboro, N. C., 25 Spelling Books; Tollar-Merideth Co., New York, 12 Song books—Hymns No. 1 cloth binding; Inez Price, Dendron, Va., 25c for treat for little children.

We are exceedingly grateful to these companies for their liberality. Books cost lots of money and we have to buy so many things that our money is short; and these liberal donations help us very much.

A few weeks liberal help like this will enable us to catch up with our bills.

Let every body help. The Thanksgiving envelopes are being sent out just as fast and accurately as we can get them off. They were delayed two weeks from time promised.

Best wishes to all for happy school days.

Yours faithfully,

Uncle Jim.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 30, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Our school will soon start. My uncle died last night very suddenly.

Enclosed please find twenty-five cents.

Your nephews and nieces,

Blannie Franks,

Bettie Franks,

Dwight Franks,

Noma Franks,

Numa Franks.

Sorry to learn of your uncle's death, children. Glad you are so prompt to write.

Henderson, N. C., Oct. 27, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

The 6th of October was my 2nd birthday; but I did not enjoy it. I had the diphtheria and erysipelas. Papa and mama had promised me a chair; instead of the chair I got a big dose of anti-toxine in one limb and the other painted in iodine. We were quarantined for seventeen days. No one came in my room except papa and the Dr. I am well now. Papa got my chair today, a nice little rocker. I send a dime and love to the orphans. Hope they will never have erysipelas or diphtheria.

Lovingly,

Charles E. Newman, Jr.

We were very sorry indeed to know our baby Charles had been so sick and rejoice to learn he is well again and has received his pretty chair.

Sanford, N. C., Nov. 3, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Here we are again with our letters and dues for Nov. We boys are having a fine time. We have caught three rabbits in our boxes. We are doing well at school; we got highest marks in our studies. With love to you and the cousins.

Your nephews,

Ollie and Claudie Way.

Good for you, boys! One of our boys, Tom Waldon, got highest average in his room at school for Oct.

Sanford, N. C., Nov. 3, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Here I come with my letter and dime for Nov. Uncle Jim, our home is very lonely now. Three of my sisters are married and I have only one sister with me now. I am doing well at school. I

got five head marks last month.

With love to all the cousins,
Your loving niece,
Annie Pearl Way.

Well, girls will get married Annie, and you must think of a gain of brothers instead of the loss of sisters.

Dear Cousins:

We are a little late but we send our dimes this week. Cotton time is over and we love to play on the great big pile. We have learned to turn a somersault real good.

Lovingly,
Mary Lee Foster,
James L. Foster, Jr.

MISSION BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

The Mission Board of the Christian Church met in annual session in the Christian Publishing Association chapel, Dayton, Ohio, Thursday, October 15, 1908, at ten a. m., and adjourned Thursday afternoon, October 22. All members of the Board attended the meeting; viz., Revs. J. G. Bishop, D. D., O. W. Powers, D. D. and M. T. Morrill, of Dayton; Revs. M. D. Wolfe, Haverhill, Mass., Clarence Defur, Merom, Ind., W. P. Fletcher, Drayton, Ontario, Canada; Mrs. Athella Howsare, Versailles, Ohio; Revs. P. S. Sailer, Boston, Mass., and Warren H. Denison, Huntington, Ind.

The following brethren were present sometime during the week's session: Rev. J. P. Barrett, D. D., Rev. S. Q. Helfenstein, D. D., Rev. W. E. Stockley, Rev. E. K. McCord, Rev. W. F. Jordan, Rev. J. S. Halfacre, Rev. E. K. Bishop, Mrs. Rose Jay, Miss Bettie Stephenson, J. N. Hess, Miss Mabel Francis, H. H. Worley, A. F. Chase, Prof. M. Gettis, Rev. T. S. Weeks, Rev. O. S. Thomas, D. M. McCullough, and Mrs. J. P. Barrett.

It was voted that the Executive members of the American Christian Convention and the brethren of the publishing house and the pastors of our churches be invited to be present at the meetings of the Board.

The Foreign Secretary, the Home Secretary, Treasurer, Publisher, and Editors of the Christian Missionary made their annual reports and recommendations and these were referred to their proper committees.

All communications from churches, individuals, conferences, missions, and missionaries were read and referred to appropriate committees.

Officers Elected.

President, Rev. J. G. Bishop, D. D.; Secretary, Warren H. Denison; Treasurer, Rev. J. G. Bishop, D. D. Mission Council (standing): Bishop, Morrill, Powers, Mrs. Howsare, Denison, Editors of Christian Missionary: Rev. M.

T. Morrill and Rev. O. W. Powers, D. D. Publisher of Christian Missionary: Rev. M. T. Morrill.

Literature and Publicity.

The following was adopted: "In appreciation of the fact that there is among our people a manifest growth of interest in the cause of missions as applied to our own fields and the world at large, and as we believe this to be due in great measure of the influence of our Christian Missionary, and to the leaflets, tracts and missionary books sent out from the Mission Rooms, therefore, Resolved, that we commend the spirit and tone of the magazine, and recommend that it continue the course followed during the past year; that, as a means of bringing our people into closer touch with our work and workers, in the number of the magazine just preceding the Foreign Mission offering we insert a cut of each missionary, both native and foreign and immediately preceding the Home Mission offering, one of each of our home workers; in order to save expense, these workers to be grouped; that our missionaries to Porto Rico be required to furnish items for the Christian Missionary more frequently: that the Woman's department of the magazine would be greatly improved by reports from more of the local societies of work done and plans in contemplation.

Owing to the number of books coming from our own press this year, and the pressing duties devolving upon Dr. J. G. Bishop, who was requested to prepare a History of our missionary work, the completion of this task has been deferred. The time has now come, however, when your committee would urge the early publication of the book, and recommend that it be ready not later than the first of Feb., 1909.

In order that our people may acquire a clearer conception of their privileges in sharing with the missionaries the work of the field, we recommend the wider distribution of tracts and leaflets bearing on systematic giving, tithing, stewardship, etc: that all the members of the Board may share with the Secretaries the responsibilities for the distribution of these and other educational tracts, let each member be furnished with a supply and be required to report concerning the use made of them; that the Secretaries do their utmost during the coming year to attend weaker conferences which have not yet been reached; that the work done by the Secretaries in the way of placing in the hands of our people missionary books and recommend that in every way possible they continue to emphasize the importance of mission study."

The auditing committee made its re-

port which was adopted and placed on file. The Treasurer's report was adopted.

The Foreign Mission Secretary who was a special committee to audit the February account of the Porto Rico mission of last year made his report which was adopted and placed in file.

H. H. Worley and A. F. Chase were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

Finance.

The following was adopted: After a careful and prayerful consideration of the finances as your committee know how to give the subject we find that retrenchment both in the administrative work and in field work, which we had hoped might be averted is, in our judgment necessary, and recommend That after Nov. 1, 1908, the entire work of the Christian Missionary be placed upon the Mission Secretaries; that the salary of each of the Secretaries (Home and Foreign) be placed at \$750 per annum; that of the Treasurer, \$400 per annum; that of the Publisher of the Christian Missionary at \$200 per annum; they having the privilege to do outside Christian work if their duties will allow to cover salary reduction and any necessary clerical and office help.

That in case the receipts in either the home or foreign departments are insufficient at the end of the fiscal year to meet the appropriations for the year then pro-rata payments shall be made on all salaries and to beneficiaries according to the manual provision, section 53; that the furlough of Rev. and Mrs. E. K. McCord be extended one year, from Jan. 1, 1909, their salary (furlough) being reduced from \$800 to \$400 and that they be given the opportunity to take such church work as they may desire; that the furlough of Miss Jennie Mishler be extended one year from Jan. 1, 1909 at the reduced rate of \$175 per annum, she being allowed to secure such work as she may deem best; that we do not employ a Field Secretary for the ensuing year; that the total Home mission appropriation including the emergency amount placed at the disposal of the Mission Council be \$6,200; that the Treasurer's bond be provided by the Board as heretofore; that we appropriate \$10 for clerical expenses of the Secretary; that the expenses of this Board meeting be hereby appropriated; that the Mission Board of the Christian Church authorized the Treasurer of said Board to borrow on behalf of the Board \$2,000, the same to be paid back just as rapidly as the income will allow; that the Mission Treasurer be given the privilege of a month's vacation with salary; that the matter of arranging the compensation to Dr. J. G. Bishop for the preparation of our History of Missions

be left to the Mission Council when the copy is prepared; that there be a strict division between the Home and Foreign receipts and expenditures; that all bills for joint expenditure be divided before record; that all money paid from the Foreign fund be paid only on the order of the Foreign Secretary, a uniform stub and blank to be used; the same method to be employed concerning Home mission disbursements; that the voucher receipt system recommended by the auditors be used; that uniform blanks for transfer of remittances and collections from Secretaries to Treasurer, with stub, be used; that the Publisher of the Christian Missionary shall keep his own cash accounts and be required to settle with the Treasurer monthly; that the Home Mission Secretary have charge of the book and tract department, keep his own accounts and settle with the Treasurer monthly.

The Field Secretary, Rev. P. S. Sailer, made a report of his work for the year, which on motion was adopted and placed on file.

The report of the special committee, members, Sailer, Fletcher and Mrs. Howsare, to consider the return of Miss True submitted the following which was adopted:

After carefully considering the misunderstanding existing between Miss True and the board, we recommend that the policy pursued in the past be re-affirmed with reference to the support of workers in the field, viz., that the salary and traveling expenses be borne by the fund in behalf of which the special field work is being done. But in view of the fact that complications arising from a departure from this policy by Miss True without the knowledge or consent of this board whereby some of our people have been led to expect their contributions to the Girl's school in Japan to be exempt from all expense in soliciting and collecting, we recommend that since the \$100 sent by Miss True to our treasurer as a protest against receiving salary and expenses from the above fund to Japan, a like amount be returned to her from Girl's school fund. But should she refuse to accept it, the entry on the books "Alice True returned salary" be changed to read "By Furlough Salary Returned" as per her request.

We further recommend that if any donor send written request to the mission office to have the full amount of his or her gifts for the Girl's School go for that purpose without anything taken therefrom for expense (as promised by Miss True), such request be granted and the proportion used for expense debited to the general fund and credited to the Girl's school fund. That any further

solicitations be made with the understanding that the Girl's school fund shall bear its share of the expense; That Miss True be returned to Japan at the earliest date possible, provided first, that she pledge herself to work in harmony with the Japan mission and our Foreign Mission Secretary; that her request be granted to have her salary reduced to \$400 that she may keep within the bounds of the New England Christian Endeavor societies ability; that she undergo a medical examination, according to our custom, before her return to Japan.

The following resolutions were adopted:

That the thanks of this board are due and hereby tendered to our auditors, Bros. H. H. Worley and A. F. Chase for their painstaking care and faithful performance of their duty; that as soon as thought advisable by the Mission Council the Home Secretary call for gifts and legacies to establish a church building fund, said fund to be used in loaning money for church buildings at 2 percent interest for a period not exceeding ten years; that the plan be continued of sending monthly financial reports by the Treasurer to each member of the board and further, that the condition of the treasury be briefly and clearly stated in each number of the Christian Missionary; that for the purpose of thoroughly informing our people as to the work and methods of the Mission Board, the editors of the Christian Missionary, at such time as they may think best, publish a symposium by the members of the Mission Board under the suggested heading "Just step into your workshop;" that the Woman's Board of Home Missions be asked to raise \$3,000 for our general foreign mission work; that we re-emphasize the need and effectiveness of field work upon the part of our Secretaries and that they be urged to do as much as their increased office work will allow; that we heartily endorse the Laymen's Missionary Movement and urge our churches and conferences to earnestly take the matter up and that our Secretaries further lend their aid to furthering the Movement; that members Wolfe and Sailer be a committee to arrange with Mrs. Williams as to the transfer to this board of the People's church property, Lynn, Mass.; that our conferences be urged to ask their churches to sacredly guard the June offering to the general mission work of our American Christian Convention; that we continue, by church papers, literature, and otherwise, to urge our people to make personal gifts and legacies, and gifts on the annuity plan to thus plan for more effective carrying on of

its great work; that we express our appreciation of the pioneer work done for missions by our late brother, Dr. J. P. Watson, and our great sorrow because of his departure from us, and further, that we express to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy in their great loss; and we, the Mission Board of the Christian Church in America, assembled in annual session, hereby express our grief and sorrow on account of the invasion by death of the home of our faithful missionaries in Japan, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Woodworth, of Tokyo, and tender to the afflicted family our heartfelt sympathies. As a testimonial to the worth of their beloved daughter, Miss Ida Lina, who was beloved by all her intimate acquaintances, both student friends and instructors, and who seems to have been forming a high purpose to devote her life to work similar to that to which her father and mother have been devoted for years, we order this item engrossed on our records, published in the Christian Missionary, and that a copy thereof be sent by the Secretary of this Board to our beloved missionaries and co-workers, Dr. and Mrs. Woodworth. And we order a special season of prayer in behalf of these friends immediately upon the adoption of this testimonial by the Board

Japan.

The following resolutions were adopted:

In view of the desirability of having all of our Japan work under the direction of the Mission, and to provide against the time of disabling illness or like emergency, and in view of the fact that Dr. Woodworth's furlough is due in January, 1910 we recommend, that from the close of the present school year the Tokyo Bible Training School be under the direction of the Japan mission; that the matter of permanent location for the Bible Training School be left open for a year, but that this Board express its opinion that eventually the two schools, the Tokyo Bible Training School and the Girl's School should be placed in the same city; that the conduct and policy of the Girl's School be left with the Japan mission subject to action of this Board; that the question of permanent location of the Girl's School be left open for another year; that we amend Article 15, page 9, of the Manual, by inserting after the word "missionaries" the words "and wives of missionaries"; that the vote of the Japan missions regarding church buildings be adopted by this board, as follows: That as a rule (subject to exceptions) the sum of \$1500 be fixed as the minimum cost of any church building erected by mission money; in view of

the present financial distress of the board and the rapidly increasing expense of the Girl's School, we recommend that the support of the said school by this Board be limited to the special gifts for that purpose for the coming year; that the Board express its approval of the general conduct of the Japan work by the Mission; that the Mission Board do not entertain the proposition of Mrs. Fry to build a Girl's School for the Mission, and further that the Board express its appreciation of her generous offer and the spirit of devotion which promoted it. In the judgment of your committee the conditions imposed are such as the Board cannot entertain; that the sum of \$8,800 be appropriated to the Japan mission.

Porto Rico.

The following resolutions were adopted:

That if any deficit arises from the shipping of the organ to Salinas, Porto Rico, said deficit be paid from the foreign fund; that the Foreign Mission Secretary be instructed to further investigate for the Board whether or not it is advisable for us to change our principal work from Ponce to some point east of Ponce; that the appropriation for Porto Rico be \$3,800; that the Mission be instructed to have the Salinas church insured with some approved insurance company; that the Mission Council be directed to make Rev. T. E. White Treasurer of the Porto Rico mission unless after correspondence the Mission Council finds some special reason why it would not be practicable.

India.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, an official communication from the New Jersey Christian Conference relative to opening a mission in India has been laid before the Board, in which the said conference recommends Rev. W. F. Jordan and wife for the proposed mission and asks for their endorsement by the board, and whereas, the communication referred to explains the proposed plan for establishing a mission in India, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Mission Board of the Christian Church do heartily commend said conference for its awakening in missionary zeal, and trust they may bear the large share in the ultimate founding of the proposed mission in India; that in view of the present financial conditions, we are unable to plan immediate co-operation with the New Jersey conference, neither are we able to lend any active assistance to that work at the present time; that it is the opinion of your committee that this board should submit the matter for opening a new mission, either

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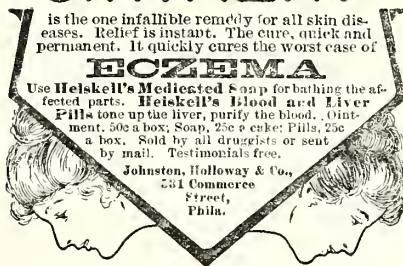
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in India or elsewhere, to the Quadrennial convention before we definitely commit ourselves and the brotherhood to new project; and that the matter of the proposed Indian Mission be so submitted; that Rev. W. F. Jordan appear before the Board immediately with a view to such a conditional appointment; after such examination it was voted that Rev. W. F. Jordan be placed under appointment as missionary to the foreign field as conditioned by the previous resolutions on this matter.

Miss Mabel Francis of So. Westport, Mass. applied to the Board for appointment as missionary to the foreign field. After her examination the following was adopted: That the Board express its commendation of the devotion of Miss R. Mabel Francis in seeking to enter the foreign field as a missionary and for seeking to secure adequate training for the highest of all vocations, and further, that the Board express its approval of her intention to enter an educational institution to continue her training; and further, that when she shall have secured the training toward which she aims she again present herself before this Board for examination and appointment; that Miss Francis be placed under appointment as missionary to the foreign field conditioned according to above resolutions.

Home Field.

After careful consideration of applications and fields appropriations were made for home missions with approval of the workers named:

C. O. Brown, Indianapolis; F. A. Cornell, New London, Wis.; J. O. Cox, So. Norfolk, Va.; Clarence Defur, Merom, Ind.; John S. Halfaker, Lima, Ohio; W. D. Harward, Rosemont and Lambert's Point, Va.; E. D. Hammond, Romeo, Mich.; N. M. Heikes, Bangor, Me.; D. M. Helfenstein, Des Moines, Iowa; L. D. Holladay, Canada; J. H. Martin, Denbigh and Bantry, N. D.; Edwin Morrell, Defiance, O.; F. H. Peters, Coshocton, Ohio; H. J. Rhodes, Lynn, Mass.; P. S. Sailer, Boston, Mass.; W. H. Sando, Columbus, O.; W. G. Sargent, Toronto, Canada; W. H. Thompson, 3rd Church, Norfolk, Va.

Appropriations were made to the following points, available when pastors are approved by the Mission Council: Lebanon, Ind.; Surrey, N. D. Danville, Ill.

Appropriation was made to Dayton, O. for a part of the year, the beneficiary to be approved by the Mission Council.

For Rifle, Colorado; for Manchester, N. H., subject to the decision of a committee consisting of M. D. Wolfe, P. S. Sailer, H. W. McCrone, F. H. Gardner, B. L. Hess, and L. W. Phillips; for Columbus, Ga. to be available when the

Home Mission balance will warrant.

The Home Mission Secretary was directed to make an immediate appeal for a church building fund of \$930, using the Herald and Christian Missionary, with frequent reports of the amount asked for, and the amounts received, supplementing these efforts by the use of circulars, personal appeals and special collections, with due notice that any surplus will be turned into the general Home Mission fund unless otherwise strictly specified by the donors, and that from this fund the following appropriations for church buildings be made except as gifts may be specifically designated to some one of these objects by the donor: Columbus, Ga. \$380; Portsmouth, Va. \$150; Cassoday, Kans. \$2200; Oronoque, Kans. \$200.

The appropriations in items one and two shall be in force at the same rate until Jan. 1, 1910.

The Home Mission Secretary is authorized to receive contributions for advanced work in western Washington, the appropriations for such work to be made by the Mission Council.

The Home Mission Secretary is authorized to receive contributions for the proposed work of the Rev. J. C. Grafton in So. Dakota, and to assist the Iowa churches in raising the same.

The action of the Mission Council in endorsing the Watson memorial fund is approved, and the Home mission Secretary is directed to render such aid as he is able in raising the fund.

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tional, shall be reported to the Home Mission office, and the items shall be tabulated and reported in the same manner as those from the Home Mission pastors as far as possible.

The H. M. Secy. is directed to investigate the possibilities of work among the immigrant population, especially by our churches which are favorably situated for such work. The efforts of the First Christian church in Boston in this direction are commended, and the attention of the churches in Haverhill, Mass., Providence, R. I., Brooklyn, N. Y., Conneaut, O., and Manchester N. H., is especially called to the importance of undertaking such work. The H. M. Secretary is directed to render such aid in this direction as is practicable.

The Mission Council is authorized to increase the appropriations mentioned in items one and two, or to transfer any unused appropriations, or to pay for special evangelistic work, or render other aid in case of emergency in any of the home mission fields, the extra appropriation not to exceed \$250. That we endorse the action of the Home Mission Secretary in accepting membership in the Home Mission Council; and the sum of \$50 was appropriated for the use of the Committee on Publicity of the Home Missions Council.

Several requests could not be granted because the condition of the Treasury would not warrant taking on so many new points this year.

The applications of Rockport, Mo. and that of Rev. Robert Harris for voluntary service rendered were referred to the Mission Council.

Missionary Conferences.

Resolved, that every effort be made during the year to hold missionary rallies, preferably of groups of churches, utilizing local talent, the Secretaries furnishing suggested programs, and attending the rallies when possible; that immediate steps be taken to find an active representative of the Mission Board in each conference, utilizing the Mission Secretary of the conference when there is one, and through this representative pushing the organization of all of the conference activities for mission purposes; that the missionary policy plans for the Sunday-school, as suggested by the Young People's Missionary Movement, be especially emphasized in this organization work; that we recognize the great value of the Young People's Missionary Movement and that we endeavor to make the utmost possible use of the appliances and agencies placed at our disposal through its efforts.

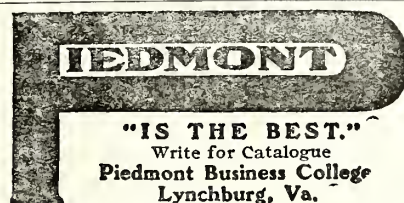
Miscellaneous.

The amount of the Treasurer's bond was fixed at \$10,000. The time of the

next annual meeting was fixed to begin Wednesday, October 13, 1909 at 10 a. m. It was voted that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the Mission Council.

After reading the minutes and approving them the board adjourned with prayer and song.

Warren H. Denison, Secretary.
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He leaves to mourn their loss, eight children, five sons, and three daughters, twenty nine grand children and many friends. The Lord bless and comfort them all.

H. H. Butler.

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